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CAPITATION TAXABLES

So long as the Democrats controlled the Levy Court, and the Capitation Tax Collectors of the City of Wilmington were of that party, no word was heard from the *Every Evening* about the expense that the county was under by reason of these officials. But, when the Republican majority of the present Levy Court after a futile attempt to make the collectors collect, decided not to appoint the officers last year, and again this year, but had failed to order the Clerk of the Peace to leave the names off the books, at once the cry of extravagance is raised by that journal. As the *Every Evening* well knows, the law requiring the appointment of these collectors and the issuance to them of separate books, was passed by a Democratic Legislature for the purpose of providing places for two men, one of whom was a member of the Legislature at the time. Under this law certain duties are placed upon the Clerk of the Peace and we very much doubt if a resolution of the Levy Court would be a sufficient excuse for non-compliance with the law. The Levy Court has always claimed the power to fix the prices on other matters, and it may do so in compensating the Clerk of the Peace for this work.

THE TRANSCRIPT has always been opposed to this Capitation Tax, because it is an unjust tax, and this action of the Levy Court makes it even more unjust. Property owners in the rural districts and many non property owners pay this tax when they are called upon. Others do not. In the city of Wilmington with its 80,000 population, no capitation is collected. The assessors are paid for putting names on the books and the Clerk of the Peace for transcribing them, and there it stops. The system is all wrong and this particular law is the worst feature of the system. We have hoped that some means would be adopted to secure a revision of our entire tax laws. No one or two amendments will much improve them. What is wanted is to get as far away from the old laws of 1873, which, after all, are the foundation of all that is wrong with our county affairs, and to modernize the entire system. This cannot be done during the session of a Legislature. The present Levy Court after more than three years experience ought to be able to draft a law that would be thoroughly practical and non-partisan and present it completed to the Legislature, which body would be more likely to be influenced by the Levy Court than by any semi-public or private body. We offer this as a suggestion. Now is the time to consider it. This time next year will be too late.

REGRET

We are sorry that a rush of other work has made it impossible for us to place before our readers the interesting table showing the work of the Light and Water Commission for the past eleven years. We desired to have this appear in this issue, as promised, because of the fact that next Monday is the date for the Annual election of Town Commissioners, and there are in this table many figures that will appeal to the tax-payer. If possible, we will publish the same next week.

POLITICAL GOSSIP.

When the Union Republican State Convention assembles in Dover on March 16th, it is expected that other business of importance will be transcated aside from the election of six delegates and their alternates to the National Convention. Among other things, a resolution may be presented declaring the name of the party to be "The Republican party," thus dispensing with the prefix "Union" which is at present part of the official title of "The Union Republican party." Such a resolution would be put through the convention without any trouble, but an attempt to adopt the name already claimed and used by the regular Republican party would meet with vigorous opposition. In cases of dispute over a party name or title, the decision is vested with the clerks of the peace of the three counties, a majority of whom shall prevail. The Regular Republican organization could carry the matter into the courts to prevent the Union Republicans taking the name The Republican party. It is understood that the Union Republicans will retain the star as their party emblem.

Among some of the Union Republican leaders it is said that Magistrate Francis S. Bradley, who is the Union Republican city chairman, will be chosen one of the delegates from New Castle county to the National Convention, with Representative James P. Jones as his alternate, J. Edward Addicks is to be the other delegate from this county. From Kent county Senator J. Frank Allee and Governor Hunn are mentioned as National candidates, and Secretary of State Caleb R. Layton and Senator Simeon S. Pennewill, are mentioned as the delegates to be chosen on behalf of Susex county, although Dr. Layton at present is living in Dover.

No date has yet been set for the Regular Republican State Convention to choose six delegates and six alternates to the National Convention. It is expected that a meeting of the Republican State Committee will be held in the near future to issue a call for the convention.

WARWICK

The la grippe has about been the round.

Mr. S. D. Wilson spent Monday on Bohemia Manor.

Mrs. R. B. Merritt is confined to her room at this writing.

Mrs. John H. M. Garner was in Wilmington during the past week.

Mr. James S. Merritt, Jr., has been on a short vacation during the past week.

Mr. C. Richard Manlove was the guest of Mr. W. J. Lofland on Tuesday last.

Miss Helen Eaton, of Odessa, spent from Friday until Monday with her parents.

Miss Ethel Manlove, of the Levels, was the guest of her cousins during the past week.

Washington Camp, No. 8, P. O. S. of A., meets every Monday evening in their camp room.

T. Bayard Vinyard spent Sunday at "Shady Oaks" the guest of his sister, Mrs. Urie P. Ginn.

Mrs. Joseph Dulaney, of Baltimore, is sojourning at the home of her mother, Mrs. Rachel Merritt.

The Junior Christian Endeavor Society will hold their prayer meeting to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Dr. Litsinger, of Baltimore, was the guest of his father, the Rev. W. D. Litsinger, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Cannon have returned to their home in Philadelphia after a short stay with Maryland relatives.

A few Warwicktonians attended a surprise dance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Spear, on Bohemia Manor, last Thursday evening.

The wheat fields in the lower part of the first district are nearly as bare as the public roads, and the shortest crop for a number of years is predicted.

The Mount Olivit Christian Endeavor Society held their regular monthly business and social meeting at the home of Mrs. John R. H. Price last Thursday evening.

The President of the Maryland Methodist Protestant Conference preaced at the M. P. Church last Sunday evening. Owing to the inclement weather the attendance was small.

There will be preaching to-morrow morning at 10.30 o'clock. Senior Christian Endeavor prayer meeting at 7.15 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend each service.

Miss Minnie Smith held a cake cutting at her home last Tuesday evening and a large number of her friends were present. Pit and music were indulged in by the entire company until a late hour.

Mrs. John H. M. Garner entertained a few of her friends from Golts, Bohemia Manor, and this town at her home last Friday from 2 until 5 o'clock. The piano solos rendered were very much enjoyed. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake being served in abundance, which were heartily enjoyed by all present.

Washington Camp, No. 8, held their initial supper and bazaar three evenings of last week and it proved a grand success both socially and financially. After expenses were paid they had a balance of $98.23, which will be used to detray the expenses of the camp. The officers and members tender their sincere appreciation to all the ladies who took such an interest in the work.

Mrs. Elwood Williams gave a Pit and Flinch party last Friday evening in honor of her sister from Golts, who has been her guest during the past week. Those present were: Miss Ethel Manlove, of the Levels; Misses Daisy Day, Minnie Smith and Mrs. Goldsborough, of town; Miss Mamie Spear, of Bohemia Manor; Prof. Guy Johnson, William J. Lofland, Jr., M. E. Manlove, W. H. Merritt, of town, and Mr. Price, of Middletown. Refreshments consisting of cake, apples, oranges and candy were served during the evening.

The following pupils of Warwick Public Schools have attained an average of 90 per cent and over: Seventh Grade—Emma Vinyard, 99.7; Ethel Vinyard, 99.6; Paul Marsh, 99.5; Eccleston March, 99.4; Alban Marsh, 98.9. Fifth Grade—Stella Bishop, 99.3; Jodia Stearns, 99.2; Katie Carroll, 98.8; Clara Price, 98.1; Jesse Vinyard, 96.4; Mamie Merritt, 96; Eula Vinyard, 94.2; Viola Hall, 93.5; Edgar Short, 91.1. Fourth Grade—Lester Bishop, 99.1; Bertha Lynch, 97.8. Third Grade—Howard Bishop, 96.5; Guy Lockerman, 96.3; Francis Marsh, 95.8; Rodney Price, 95.8; Hartley Thornton, 94.5.

CECILTON

John Morris is quite ill at his home in town.

Presiding Elder Koons was the gues at the parsonage over Sunday.

Miss Mae Dushane, of Blacks, spend a few days with Mrs. M. E. Clayton.

Miss Mollie Rickards has returned from visiting relatives in Wilmington.

Quite a number enjoyed the skating on the mill pond last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. R. M. Black entertained a few friends on Tuesday in honor of her sister, Miss Alice Storr.

Miss Emma Lusby is spending sometime with her friend, Miss Helen Schrack, of Germantown.

Miss Alice Storr, of Baltimore, is spending sometime with her sister, Dr. R. M. Black and wife.

Miss Mary Brown, of Earleville, was entertained by her aunt, Mrs. William Brown, and the Misses Alderson last week.

Miss Myrtle Templeman is quite ill at her home near town, and Miss Mary Anderson is teaching in her place at Cayotts Corner school.

SASSAFRAS

Mrs. E. N. Jeter is very sick with the grip.

Mr. John F. Ernest has been quite sick for the past three days.

Mrs. Caroline Johns has been seriously ill for the past fortnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Custis C. Price visited Sassafras on Wednesday.

Mrs. Robert S. Griffith has been very sick for the past ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Robinson are both quite sick with the grip.

Kent County Teacher's Association will meet at Chestertown on March 31st.

Mrs. Rachel Stradly and Mr. Robert Johnstons' three sons are all seriously ill with the grip.

Christ Methodist Church has invited Rev. B. W. Hindly to remain pastor another year at Centerville.

Mrs. A. Wilson Cochran who has been serjously ill for the past week we are pleased to state is improving.

Miss Alice Dreka and brother Louis returned home Wednesday after a visit with friends since Monday.

The total expense to the state in calling out the militia during the recent fire at Baltimore will be abont $40.000.

Messrs. Robert S. Griffith and son Harry were the guests of Mr. Stephen Boyer, of Middletown, on Tuesday.

Mrs. John Tarbutton and daughter, Miss Mary, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Griffith on Sunday last.

Messrs. Jacob T. Shallcross and Alexander T. Laws were the guests of the Messrs. Johns on Sunday evening last.

Shad fishermen of Kent and Cecil counties are making preparations for the opening of the season in upper Chesapeake Bay.

Mrs. George A. Ford and Mrs. I. Harry Lowe, of Philadelphia, are the guests of their mother, Mrs. Caroline Johns, of near town.

Misses Tressa and May Dreka entertained their friends Misses Mary Tarbutton, Alice Walters, Master John F. Ernest, Jr., and Harry and Richard Tarbutton most royally on Friday afternoon last.

Mr. Jacob T. Shallcross and Miss Therza Shallcross entertained for dinner on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Bonwell, of Locust Grove, Mr. Alexander T. Laws and Miss Edith Willis, of Chesapeake City.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. H. Price, of near Warwick, entertained at dinner on Friday last in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Archer Crawford. Mrs. John F. Ernest, of this town, attended the delightful function.

We have had weather of many kinds for the past week and all kinds of weather was experienced here on Sunday, and the heavy down pour of rain that came at intervals all day was occasionally mixed with heavy hail, while late in the afternoon there was several distinct rolls of thunder accompained by sharp flashes of lightning. The heaviest hail fell about 10 o'clock in the morning. After a brief period of early sunshine then came a cold sleeting rain that lasted long in the night.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Dr. T. J. Conrey visited Baltimore last week.

Miss Ida Bouchelle visited Wilmington last week.

Several bands of gypsies passed through here last week.

Mrs. William Borem is spending sometime in Wilmington.

Miss Alice M. Perry visited friends in Baltimore last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Titter and son, of Baltimors, are spending several days in town.

Mr. and Mrs. George Titter, of Baltimore, have been spending a few days in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woolleyhan, of Reybolds, spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. W. E. Barwick.

Mr. W. Harry Jones, of St. Augustine, met with a very painful accident on Saturday, by a pitch for falling from a fodder rick and striking him on the foot and one prong running through his foot.

All of the men who have positions on the different steamers, who have been spending the winter at their homes have been called to their boats expecting to start on their regular trips in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Steele entertained a few friends at dinner last Wednesday evening, those present being: Mrs. H. V. Manlove, Misses Elsie Ingram Elsie Karsner, Florence Egee, Dora Steele and Hattie Morgan.

Misses Minnie and Lucy Reed entertained a few friends last Friday evening at Flinch. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. James S. Hopper, Misses Annie Young, Dora Steele, Dr. Delmar Smithers, and Hugh Cadwell.

The "Picnic Social" held at the high school netted about twenty dollars. The rooms were decorated with the class colors blue and white, and the young ladies also wore the colors. The baskets were auctioned off by Harold Steele, a graduate of '01. Auctioneering seems to be Mr. Steele's forte.

Mrs. Eliza Titter died at her home here on Thursday of blood poison, caused by an injured foot. She is survived by several sons, namely Mr. John Titter, of Ridley Park, Pa., George and Harry of Baltimore, Edward and Curtis, of this town. Her funeral was held on Monday, with interment at Bethel.

Our town presents a forlorn appearance the Canal Company having had all of the trees on their land trimmed and some of them cut down, thus ruining the appearance as well as the comfort of those down town, as they cannot possibly grow enough to make any shade this year, our trees were our only pride.

Mr. William Price, son of Mr. Samuel Price, formerly of Bethel, but recently of New York, died at the home of his son, Allen Lum Price, at Westfield, N. J., on Wednesday of last week. His remains were brought to Bethel on Saturday for burial, Rev. Wm. Schouler, of Elkton, officiating. Mr. Price was one of the founders of the Church of the Good Shepherd. He also held a position on the canal under his uncle, Mr. John R. Price, Superintendent of the canal. His wife who was Miss Mary Allen, of Baltimore, and one son survive him.

[Communicated.]

LACK OF PUBLICITY.

EDITOR OF TRANSCRIPT: In common with many others, I was interested in your editoral last week on the Light and Water Commission, and its management of the affairs of the town. But you overlooked what I thought was the strongest point of my recent communication, and that is the entire lack of publicity given to their acts. As you have so often remarked, the great trouble with the Levy Court, under the managements of the last set of commissioners was that they held so many private meetings and transacted all of public business behind closed doors. How much different is it for the Light and Water Commission to do the same thing. I know that all public bodies have more or less necessity for "conference" and Caucuses", but there is no good reason why the business of this town shall not be transacted as openly and freely as is the business of our sister towns. In nearly every newspaper that I see, I read of what the town council of New Castle, Dover, Smyrna, Milford, &c., did at its last meeting, but never a word about what the Town Commissioners of Middletown or the Light and Water Commission have done. I feel that the Commission has done and are doing the best it can with the knowledge it has, and I also know that I have no other suggistion to make than the one out-lined in my former communication. That was to go some where else than on that particular piece of ground to try the next experiment. But, if the people knew what the Commission was doing or contemplating, there would not be the grounds for the grumbling that now exist. When taxpayers learn through rumors that come from the favored few that their rates are to be doubled next year, and the blame for the increase is put upon the Light and Water Commission, they will complain, and have a right to do so. Thanking you for the space to make myself plain, I am,

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TOWNSEND

Mrs. J. Z. Staats visited Sassafras this week.

Dr. T. A. Enos spent Friday in Philadelphia.

Mr. W. B. Weldon was in Clayton Wednesday.

Mrs. J. C. Wilson was in Middletown Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. VanDyke were in Smyrna Sunday.

Rev. J. H. Beauchamp visited Wilmington one day this week.

Mr. John McIntire, of Middletown, visited town one day this week.

Mr. Archibald Finley, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Miss Anna Sharpless spent Sunday with her parents in Landenburg, Pa.

Mrs. Harold Whitehouse, of Wilmington, was the guest of Mrs. Amanda Quillen Sunday.

Mrs. W. A. Scott and daughter, Mrs. Lee Maloney, spent Tuesday with friends in Middletown.

Mr. W. B. Weldon who has been living in town for several years will remove to the Ellis farm.

Miss Catherine Hutchison and Miss Ella Maloney visited Mrs. Edward Rose in Odessa Sunday.

Mrs. Anita Jones, of near Leipsic, spent Tuesday evening with her mother, Mrs. Otho Marvel.

Mrs. W. A. Lee celebrated the anniversary of her birth on Monday evening, February 29th.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brockson, of near Blackbird, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Weldon.

Mr. Samuel Peachy has been called to May's Landing, N. J., by the sickness of his sister who resides there.

Horace VanDyke has removed from his father's farm, near town, to the Gideon and Rothwell farm, near Smyrna.

Miss Ethelwyn Maloney, of the Conference Academy, Dover, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Maloney.

The Missionary Anniversary of the Townsend Sunday School will be held Sunday evening. A special program is being prepared.

Mr. F. H. Lattomus will soon remove from the farm on the Levels where he now lives, to a farm near Montchanin owned by Col. Henry A. duPont.

Mrs. Heston Atwell entertained the Erodelphian Society Tuesday evening at the home of her sister, Mrs. David Lynam. A pleasant evening was spent.

Mrs. Otho Marvel entertained the Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church at her home Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SS.
THE STATE OF DELAWARE,
TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:—

Whereas, Mary E. Pearson by her Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle (Seal) County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Hiram E. Pearson.

We, therefore command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Hiram E. Pearson that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Twenty-third day of May next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Mary E. Pearson according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ.

Witness the honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the First day of February A. D., nineteen hundred and four.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN,
Issued Feb. 11th, 1904. Prothonotary.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SS.
THE STATE OF DELAWARE,
TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:—

Whereas, Lydia C. Downes by her Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, (Seal) for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Roubon J. Downes.

We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Roubon J. Downes that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Twenty-third day of May next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Lydia C. Downes according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then and there this writ.

Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the First day of February A. D., nineteen hundred and four.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN,
Issued Feb. 13th, 1904. Prothonotary.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., Jan. 7, 1904

Upon the application of Fanny Williams Executrix of Jonathan K. Williams, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executrix aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters Testamentary upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public place of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown Del., and to be continued therein two months

(SEAL) Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

FRED E. BACH, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the 7th day of January, A. D 1904, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the said Executrix, on or before the 7th day of January, 1905, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

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Some of the bargains in the black Eskimo beavers, and other trusty black fabrics—$25 Overcoats now $18.00—$22.50 Overcoats now $17.50—$20 Overcoats now $15—$18 Overcoats now $12.

Some of the bargains in Oxford mixtures, in kerseys and friezes—$16.50 Overcoats now $12—$15 Overcoats now $10—$12 Overcoats now $8.50.

Some of the bargains in men's suits in dark fancy worsteds, silk mixtures, pin-checked worsteds, fancy cheviots and black cheviots—$20 Suits now $14—$18 Suits now $13.50—$16 Suits now $12—$15 Suits now $10—$12 Suits now $8.50.

Some of the bargains in fine worsted Trousers—$7.00, $6.50 and $6.00 Trousers reduced to $3.75. Striped worsted Trousers, big money's worth at $4.50—reduced to $3.00.

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A few Flannel Shirt Waists, regular $1.25, now -	50c
Children's Eiderdown Coats, Regular $1;15, now - -	50c
Ladies' Eiderdown Sacks, Regular 50 and 75c kind,	25c
Men's Buckle Artics, Central Rubber Co., - - -	1.00
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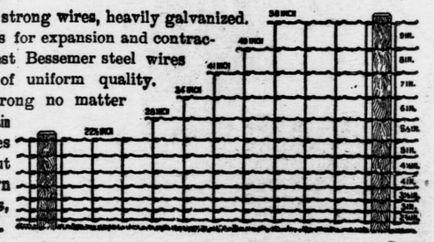

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Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:

North Bound—3.30, 7.52, 9.20 and 10.27 a. m; 4.14 and 6.05 p. m.
South Bound—12.49, 5.31, 9.21 and 11.40 a. m; 3.56, 4.54 and 7.5?p. m.

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.30 a. m, 10.05 a.m., 3.50 p.m., 5.45 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—8.10 a.m., 4.35 p. m., and 9 p m
For Odessa—9.30 a. m., 11 40 a. m., 5.05 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton, Earlville and Sassafras—9.40 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MCH. 5, 1904.

Local News.

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H. C. DEVALINGER'S.

Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons from 3.30 to 5, and Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8.30.

FOR SALE.—One Soda Fountain complete, in good order. Address, Lock Box, No. 321.

The second session of the Teachers' local institute will be held in the Middletown Academy this afternoon at 2 o'clock. All are invited.

FOR SALE. — 1,000 good Chestnut Posts. Apply to
C. P. COCHRAN Agt.
Middletown, Del.

EGGS FOR HATCHING.—Pure bred S. C. White Leghorns, White Wyandotts and Barred Rocks, 15 for $100; 100 for $5.00. T. R. BRADSHAW,
Evergreen Farm, Odessa, Del.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending February 25th: J. C. Beaston, Harry Fulman, care Mr. Roads, E. L. Harris, (dead letter), Alexander Jones.

FOR SALE.— The property of the late Marcellus Jones on South Broad street. For particulars apply to
J. R. HOFFECKER,
Middletown, Del.

The expense the state of Maryland has under-gone by maintaining the First Brigade and the Naval Reserve as a military guard about and within the fire-ruined Baltimore amounts to $42,000.

LAND LIME! Agency for "Wrightsville." "Schuylkill" and "High C," *high grade Land Limes* Best prices.
G. E. HUKILL.

There has been a decided drop in the price of eggs during the past week. Local merchants are now offering 16 cents a dozen. A little more than a week ago the retail prices was around 30 cents.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of Besthesda M. E. Church will give a reception to its new members on Monday evening, March 7th, at 6.30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. M. B. Burris. All new members are requested to bring a guest with them. Mrs. C. C. Brown, Conference President will be with us.

Wild turkeys are reported to be in Talbot County, Maryland, in very large numbers, and have been hunted by many sportsmen, and some were captured. The turkeys are large and in fair condition. Some have taken up with flocks of tame birds at farm houses. The farmers will nor allow anyone to molest them.

The Steamer Clio, has begun her semi-weekly trips from Odessa to Philadelphia. This will be welcome news to the people of this community as the Clio is fast growing in favor as a passenger and freight boat, and now that the trolley road is in operation, this will undoubtedly be a most prosperous season for the owners of the boat. See time card in another column.

The Pennsylvania Railroad is about to put into effect new regulations in regard to shipping explosives, inspired, it is said, by the disaster at Greenwood, a few months ago. In future all explosive shipped must bear a large red tag or stick, with the word "Explosives" printed thereon in large, black letters. Previous to the accident at Greenwood, cars loaded with explosives were tagged with a red poster, but not smaller shipments. In future all shipments, of whatever size or kind must have these red tags.

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO GET THE BARGAINS.—The balance of the stock must be sold by the 20th of March, prices will be no consideration. Furniture, carpets, matting, oil cloth and household goods. Also men's, boys' and young men's suits and overcoats, ladies' skirts, waists and petticoats, must be sold by the date mentioned above. Store fixtures for sale, 1 horse, 1 buggy, 1 wagon, 2 sets harness. Don't miss this last opportunity. L. BARIS, Corner Main and Broad streets, Middletown, Del.

The fifth and last entertainment of the Star Course under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. of Forest Presbyterian Church will be a lecture by Dr. George Hindley entitled, "Will It Take." Hindley is known from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Ever since leaving college, his life has been of intense activity. As an Academy Principal, College President, Preacher, Lecturer, and, through it all, doing considerable newspaper work, he has learned what the public needs and is able to give it in an attractive manner. He has traveled extensively in this country, Canada and Europe. Dr. Hinley's lectures are scholarly, and at the same time are interspersed with bright sallies of wit, assuring his audience of a few good hearty laughs while listening to his entertaining stories adorning the presentation of strong truths. He is a gifted orator and a natural story-teller. His rugged honesty together with his warm social qualities at once make him a great favorite with the people.

CHURCH NOTES

Archdeacon Hall is expected to preach at St. Anne's Church next Wednesday evening at 7.30. All are cardially invited.

Rev. F. H. Moore will preach in the Armstrong Chapel to-morrow afternoon at 2.20 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "How Christ Stills the Storm of Life." Psa. 107:23-31. Miss Bernice Metten, leader.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Christ Stilling the Storms of Life." Pra. 107:23-31. Leader, Miss May Kumpel.

Special services will be continued next week in the Forest Presbyterian Church. The following clergymen are expected to be present and preach: Monday evening, Rev. W. L. Freud, of Wilmington; Tuesday, the Rev. Joseph B. Turner, of Dover; Wednesday, the Rev. John McElmoyle, of Elkton; Thursday, the Rev. Joseph B. Turner; Friday, when the Preparatory service will be held, the Rev. Elliot Field, President of the Delaware Society of Christian Endeavor. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered on Sunday morning, March 13th. The Sessions will meet on Friday evening, March 11th, after the service, and and on Junday morning, March 13th, at 10.15 o'clock, to receive those desiring to unite with the the church. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

ROLLS OF HONOR

The following pupils of the Middletown Public Schools have obtained 90 per cent. or better for the month of January:

High School Grade—Maude Deakyne, Grover Bendler, Mary Lewis, Emma Kelley, Lillian Solway, Jeannette Schreitz, Harold Dawson, Anna Denny, Ernest Sirman, Prudence Lewis, Victor Jones, Helen Davis, Josephine Cochran, Esther Davis, Helen Rowe, Emily Allee, Ida Armstrong, Nevada Alrichs, Isaac Gibbs, Lillian Walker.

Department No. 2—Alice Dawson, Frances Johnson, Joseph Walker, Lydia Dockerty, Florence Blome, Edith Shallcross, Nellie Armstrong, Ada Scott, Mary Richards, Blanche Deakyne, Iola Buehm, Benjamin Gibbs, Jean Metten, Helen Shepherd, Olin Davis, Hilda Wilkie, Mary Beaston, Reece Darlington.

Department No. 4—Leanora Davis, Willie Kirk, Elsie Boulden, Annie Shallcross, Estelle Beaston, Sophia Blome, Harold Wislon, Bertha Jones, Ethel Sparks, Pierce Donovan, Nellie Pyle, George Hukill, Bertha Whitlock, Lola Carroll, Alfred Connellee, Elma Deakyne, Leah Berkman.

Department No. 4—John Hoffecker, Dellah Muehlberg, Viola Weber, Mabel Dawson, Edith Francis, Ruby Whitlock, Oscar Minner, Rupert Burstan, Harry DeValinger, Hannah Kirk, Estella Johnson, Irene Reed, George Edwards.

Department No. 5—Lily Scott, May Edwards, Beulah Jewell, Alice Boulden, Myrtle Whitlock, Margaret Reed, Sarah Kates, Rachel Alper, Artie Scott, Helen Hall, Carl Jones, James Walker, Alexander Berkman, John Dickinson, Harvey Taylor, Alexander Baris, Isaac Cleaver, Theodore Whitlock, Burton Hall, Kennard Edwards, Lemont Jones, Tim Hukill, Albert Rhodes, George Minner, Evans Kennedy.

RHODE ISLAND "REDS"

During the month of November, 1903, Mr. Charles P. Cochran purchased a lot of Rhode Island pullets, and after a thorough test of their laying qualities feels that he has gotten the proper bird for this purpose. For the benefit of our readers who are interested we publish the number of eggs gotten during the months of January and February from two pens of 40 hens each.

During the month of January the 80 hens layed nearly 68 dozens and in February about 78 dozens. The "Reds" are highly spoken of, and as a general purpose fowl they are fast taking the place of the Plymouth Rock. Messrs. Johnson & Stokes, the Philadelphia seedsmen, in writing of their superior qualities, say:

"Rhode Island Reds are very hardy, and lay largest deep-tinted eggs of any fowl of their size. Have deeper yellow skin and legs than any white fowl, are not angular, bony, and leggy when dressed, and have no dark pin feathers. Have not yet been spoiled by being confined for generations in town back yard coops, or by being bred mostly for color of feather by the extreme fancier. Therefore, they just suit the farmer and the market poultry raiser. They are also very beautiful."

Mr. Cochran is advertising his eggs for sale in another column of this issue, and has two fine breeding pens which he will be glad to show anyone contemplating buying eggs.

THE PEACH CROP.

Indications at present are that Delaware will have a splendid peach crop. The severe winter has kept the enemy of the peach tree, the San Jose scale, in check. It has been instrumental also in keeping the trees in such a backward condition that after there comes a thaw the buds will not appear until it is too late for the frost to damage them. A prominent peach grower of Sussex county a few days ago said that in his opinion the peach crop of Delaware this year will be a prolific one. A few farmers think the trees have been severely damaged. Fruit growers in the Connecticut valley claim there will be a poor peach crop this year. The intense cold following the holidays played havoc. Reports keep coming from certain parts of Maryland and New Jersay saying the outlook there is doubtful for the peach crop. Growers are unable at present to estimate the damage done by cold weather, but it is thought to be considerable.

Sales to TakePlace

TUESDAY, MARCH 15th, 1904, at 10 o'clock, A. M.—Sale of horses, cows, etc., by J. S. & W. Lattomus, on their farm, one-half mile West of Townsend, Del.

We will sell you a pound of the best gloss starch for five cents.
H. C. DEVALINGER.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Anna Freeman is visiting in Wilmington and Philadelphia.

Mr. Lucien Green, of Delaware College, spent Sunday at his home here.

Mr. Edward Boggs, of Cheswold, was the guest of friends in town Saturday.

Miss May Kumpel spent several days in Wilmington during the past week.

Miss Alice McCoy, of Odessa, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Abram Hayden, over Sunday.

Misses Anna and Essie Greenan, of Philadelphia, are spending sometime with Miss May Kumpel.

Mrs. E. C. Green has returned from an extended visit with relatives in Newark and Washington, D. C.

Mrs. A. E. Holten was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. H. P. Shapley, in Smyrna, several days this week.

Miss Eva Whitlock, of Philadelphia, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Whitlock, over Sunday.

ODESSA

Miss Ethel L. Mailly is visiting Wilmington friends.

Miss Mary W. Townsend is a Wilmington visitor this week.

Miss Alice McCoy spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. A. Hayden, in Middletown.

Mr. Harry S. Townsend, of Wilmington, is visiting his parents, Mr. George L. Townsend and wife.

Mrs. Corbit Vinyard entertained her aunt, Mrs. Mary Joseph, of Elsmere, on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. E. C. Rose entertained Misses Ella Maloney and Kate Hutchinson, of Townsend, on Sunday last.

Messrs. Howard Morris and William Morrison, of Chester, Pa., spent a few days this week with friends in town.

Mr. Cyrus P. Keen a student of Jacob Tomb Institute, Port Deposit, Md., is at home, suffering with an attack of tonsilitis.

Miss Jeannette Watkins royally entertained a few of her friends at tea on Monday in honor of her twelfth birthday. Miss Jeannette proved to be a charming little hostess, and a most delightful time was spent by all.

It is with pleasure that we learn the Steamer Clio started on her regular trip between here and Philadelphia on Thursday, March 4th, returning Friday the 5th, and making her two weekly trips thereafter. It makes more life in our little town when the Clio is running.

To-morrow, March 6th, will be observed as Missionary Anniversary day in the M. E. Church. In the morning Rev. J. M. Arters will preach a special sermon, and in the evening the Sunday School will have charge. An excellent programme is being prepared for the occasion. All are invited to attend both services.

Following are the names of the pupils of the Public School who deserve special commendation for deportment and progress for the month of February: Department No. 1—Helen Townsend, Emma Carpenter, Mary Aspril, Minnie Armstrong, Fred Kielkopf, Frank Gremminger, Gertrude Wallace, Harry Kumpel, Henry Bingnear. Department No. 2—Jeannette Watkins, Ethel Ward, Elsa Muhlberger, Mary Carpenter, Emma Penington, Helen Watkins, Ashton Cleaver, Frank Keen, Preston Stevens, Devaul Rhodes, Mailly Davis. Department No. 3—Mary Evans, Elsie McCloskey, Alice Croft, Addie Davis, Carrie Muhlberger, Marion Vinyard, Charles Clothier, Lloyd Caulk, Robert Heller, Richard Rhodes, Clark Dulin, Walter Wiest, Frank Bingnear, Arthur Phillips, Wilbert Ward, Andrew Miller, Leonard Wallace, Sudler Wallace, Philip Vinyard.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference was held in the M. E. Church Tuesday, March 1st, at 10 o'clock. Presiding Elder Koons was present. There were two vacancies in the board of Stewards which were promptly filled with the names of Bro's. Robert H. George and John Heldmyer, Jr. In Pastor Arters report he spoke very encouragingly of his work, and the success that attended the extra meetings. He spoke so kindly of the membership coming to his aid and was pleased with the number that had accepted salvation, there being twenty-six conversions, twenty-two of whom have united with the church. There had been notice given that one hour before the conference met there would be an election of one trustee to fill the vacancy recently made by the death of Mr. Johnothan K. Williams. There being no opposition whatever Dr. Henry Field Smith of this town, was unanimously chosen to fill that place.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Owing to the general conditions in business circles and the close cash basis on which wholesale merchants are doing business. We the undersigned Merchants of Middletown deemed it fitting in order to best serve the public at large to organize on January 1st, 1904, "The Merchants Protective Association." The object of which is to protect ourselves against fraudulent customers, and to establish a basis of credit, which will enable us to serve each and all our several customers in the different lines of Merchandise the best at lowest and cash prices. And it has been unanimously decided by the association to earnestly request all credit customers to make weekly and monthly settlements so that the above object may be obtained and all concerned materially benefitted. Believing this will meet the approval of the public in general we are Very truly,

WM. BROCKSON, PRES.
H. C. DEVALINGER, V. P.
JOHN ARMSTRONG, SEC'Y.
W. T. CONNELLEE, TREAS.
PAUL WEBER,
MUEHLBERG & JONES,
JOHN F. FORTNER,
MINORS BANNING.

Averages at Blackbird School

The following are the averages made by the pupils of Blackbird Public School: Nellie Schafer, 98; Bessie Schafer, 98; Ella Buckson, 98; Florence Heinold, 97; Georgia Faries, 97; Lillian West, 96; Molly Watson, 95; Clyde Austin, 96; Charles Buckson, 96; Beulah Buckson, 95; Susie Watson, 95; Nora Watson, 95; Edward Whitlock, 95; W. Irving Brockson, 95; Nathaniel Watson, 94; Elsie Carey, 93; Emma Carey, 93; Klene Carey, 92; Samuel Reed, 92; Charles Staats, 92; Edith Heinold, 92; Joseph West, 91.1; Edith Faries, 91; Elmer Faries, 88.

OBITUARY

MRS. LAVINIA E. CLAYTON

At 2 45 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, March 1st, 1904, surrounded by her loved ones, Mrs. Lavinia E., the beloved wife of Mr. Joshua Clayton, after an illness of several months, passed peacefully away, in the 59 year of her age. Mrs. Clayton had been growing weaker for several days and her family and friends realized the end was near.

Mrs. Clayton was the daughter of the late John B. Moyer, of Roxborough, Pa., and was married to Mr. Joshua Clayton in April 1867. She was a devoted wife and mother, and her death has caused a vacancy in the home which she loved so dearly, that can never be filled. Early in life she joined the church of her choice, and as she loved the church, so was she beloved by all who knew her.

Besides a loving and devoted husband, she leaves three children, Miss Helen M., Julius W., and Frank S. Clayton, three grandchildren and a large circle of friends to mourn her death. Funeral services were held at the home on Green street Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Her pastor, Rev. F. H. Moore, conducted the services, and was assisted by the Revs. E. C. Adkins, C. T. Wyatt, and W. J. Wilkie, the first two clergymen paid beautiful tributes to the memory of the deceased. Interment was made in the family burying lot at historic Bethel Cemetery, where the remains of two of her children lie. The floral tributes from the relatives and friends were anvery beautiful. The pall bearers were: George W. Kibler, Charles S. Ellison, John M. Moyer, George S. Moyer, Charles E. Clayton and Thomas S. Reed.

MRS. ELIZA DEVEREUX

After an illness of several weeks Mrs. Eliza Devereux died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. Kumpel on Monday evening about 9.30 o,clock, aged 74 years. Mrs. Devereux had been unwell for several weeks, but on Saturday she was taken critically ill, and although everything possible was done by the attending physician she never rallied.

Mrs. Devereux was a lady possessed with many good business qualities, and for several years conducted a general store at Mt. Pleasant, but in 1891, after building the store and dwelling on East Main street now occupied by M. Banning, moved to Middletown and conducted a general store in the new building until she met with an accident, which caused her to use crutches during the balance of her life. Mrs. Devereux was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, and as long as her health permitted attended regularly. She leaves one child Mrs. M. Kumpel, and two grandchildren to mourn her death.

The funeral services which were held at the residence of her daughter on Thursday afternoon, were largely attended. The Rev. F. H. Moore, D. D., paid a beautiful tribute to her memory. Interment was made in Forest Cemetery, and the following gentlemen acted as pall bearers: J. F. McWhorter, J. Moody Rothwell, Alex. Metten, William Brockson, John W. Denny and W. J. Barnett.

WILLIAM TOWNSEND PRICE

William Townsend Price died at the home of his son, Allen Lum Price in Westfield, N. J., February 24th. Mr. Price was born in Summit Bridge, March 28th, 1847, and was the oldest son of the late Samuel and Hester Lum Price. He joined the Navy during his minority while at school at Claveriak, New York, and was on the Brooklyn under Farragut at the battle of Mobile Bay. In 1869 he married Mary E., the eldest daughter of the late Captain John E. Allen, of Baltimore. For several years past and within a short time of his death he was engaged in New York, with the Ocean Steam Ship Company. His widow survives him and one son, Allen Lum Price, with whom he resided at the time of his death. He was a member of the Royal Arcanum. He was also a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and one of the founders of the Church of the Good Shepherd at Chesapeake City. Interment was made in Bethel Cemetery on Saturday, February 27th, at 2 P. M.

OLD POINT COMFORT, RICHMOND, AND WASHINGTON

The first personally-conducted tour to Old Point Comfort, Richmond, and Washington via the Pennsylvania Railroad for the present season will leave New York and Philadelphia on Saturday, March 12.

Tickets, including transportation, meals en route in booto direction, transfer of passengers and baggage, hotel accommodations at Old Point Comfort, Richmond, and Washington, and carriage ride about Richmond—in fact, every necessary expense for a period of six days—will be sold at rate of $36.00 from New York, Brooklyn, and Newark; $34.50 from Trenton; $33.00 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other stations.

Old Point Comfort Only

Tickets to Old Point Comfort only, including luncheon on going trip, one and three-fourths days' board at Chamberlin Hotel, and good to return direct by regular trains within six days, will be sold in connection with this tour at rate of $17.00 from New York, Brooklyn, and Newark; $15.50 from Trenton; $14.50 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other points.

For itineraries and full information apply to ticket agent; Tourist Agent, 263 Fifth Avenue, New York; 4 Count Street, Brooklyn; 789 Broad Street, Newark, N.J.; or Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

LEAP YEAR BIRTHDAY PARTY

A very pleasant evening was spent on Monday, Feburary 29, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Keen, at Blackbird, it being the birthday of their son Stephen, the first birthday he has had for eight years. The evening passed quickly in the playing of games, etc. A novel feature of the evening was that the young ladies acted as young men, escorting the young men to the table, as it is leap year. Among those present were the Misses Martha and Ella Ferguson, Ethel and Clara Fenemore, Bessie Ennis, of Clayton; Annie Keen and Mrs. C. Zachies, Port Penn; Frances E. Husbands, Messrs. Theodore Ferguson, Edgar T. Heinold, William Spicer, Carey Foxwell, Arthur Green, Jool and Harry Keen, and R. Prouse, of Port Penn, and Mr. C. Avery Bell.

ST. GEORGES

Frank Hill is visiting his uncle near Newark.

Theodore Jones visited Wilmington on Monday.

Edgar Carrow and wife were Middletown visitors on Tuesday.

G. T. Hill and wife spent Sunday with his brother near Hockessin.

Attorney Walter Willis, of Wilmington, was in town on Tuesday.

Frank Jones, of California, is the guest of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Alida Jones.

Miss Mary Barnett is the guest of James Craig and family near Newport.

Rev. E. H. Collins and wife, of Bethel, Md., called on friends here on Monday.

Miss Mabel Smith is home from a two weeks visit with friends in Wilmington.

After being closed for eight weeks navigation was opened through the canal on Saturday.

George Vail, of Wilmington, is spending a week's vacation with his mother near town.

Walter Moore, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his parents, Vinson Moore and wife.

Miss Sara Milligan, of Union, was an over Sunday guest with her parents at the Manse.

Miss Julia Paynter is spending a week with Rev. E. H. Collins and family in Bethel, Md.

William S. Ellison has returned from a pleasant visit with relatives at Ford's Landing, Md.

Miss Violet Gray has been spending several days with her cousin, Miss Anna Gray, near town.

A very enjoyable party was held at the residence of H. C. Buckson and wife on Thursday evening.

Mrs. A. O. Gray is enjoying a visit with her parents, Solomon Davis and wife, at Easton, Md.

John B. Vail and wife, of McDonough, paid a visit to Mrs. Alida Jones and daughter on Saturday.

Miss Mary Roberts, of Middletown, is spending a week with her parents, William Roberts and wife.

W. K. Price and family on Saturday entertained A. J. Davidson and wife and James Batten and wife.

Mrs. George Vincent and daughter spent part of last week with A. Saxton and wife, at Corbit's Station.

The Bible Class will meet on Monday evening at the home of Miss Anna Stewart. Mrs. M. J. Gray leader.

Mrs. William Edwards, of Middletown, was the guest of her parents, William Roberts and wife, on Tuesday.

Howard Porter and Miss Lena Vincent, of Red Lion, were guests of William Aspril and wife on Sunday.

Mrs. Margaret Jackson, of London Grove, Pa., is paying a visit to her daughter, Mrs. G. T. Hill and family.

Miss Bessie Webb has returned to her home at Kennedyville after a month's stay with her cousin, Miss Harriett Carrow.

John Lester who has been residing in Montchanin for several years removed to "Bloomfield Place" near town, on Wednesday.

Howard Milligan, of Delaware College, Newark, is spending a week's vacation with his parents, Rev. J. R. Milligan and wife.

Mrs. Richard Cann entertained the "Book Club" twenty six in number, at her home in Kirkwood on Thursday afternoon. Several from here attended.

Our popular young friend Clarence Batten has been appointed superintendent of the county farms at Farnhurst, and entered upon his new duties on Tuesday.

The cantata of "Red Ridinghood" will be given in Odd Fellows' Hall on Friday evening, March 18th, instead of the 25th, which was at first announced. Proceeds for the benefit of Presbyterian Church.

A large number of friends and members of the congregation of the Presbyterian Church tendered Rev. Dr. Milligan and wife a surprise donation on Friday evening. The high esteem with which the Rev. Dr. and his wife are held, was manifested by the substantial tokens which were brought. Mrs. Milligan was presented with a purse containing a very neat sum of money.

The Pacific Coast via Baltimore & Ohio R. R.

The Baltimore & Ohio R. R. will sell daily from February 29 to April 30 inclusive colonist tickets to points in California-Arizona, British Columbia, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington. To Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, Los Angles and other points in California the rate is $49.75, to other points proportionately low rates. For full particulars write or apply to H. A. Miller, T. P. Agt., Water & Market streets, Wilmington, Del., or to the nearest B. & O. ticket office.

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G. E. Hukill.

MUTUAL LOAN ASSOCIATION.

The Thirty Second Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Mutual Loan Association, of Middletown, Delaware, will be held in the Office of the secretary.

On Tuesday Eve., March 15, 1904,
At 8 o'clock,

for the purpose of electing a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer to serve one year and three Directors to serve three years. The books are now open for sale of 32d, Series Stock, the first payment on which can be made on or before the 15th. inst. The 20th Series of Stock has just been matured, paying the stockholders Six and a half per cent. on their investment. This Association affords excellent opportunity for those who wish to build or buy a home, or to invest their small earnings in a safe place. The Secretary can be consulted at any time by calling at his office.

JOHN F. McWHORTER, President,
ALFRED G. COX, Secretary.

BOHEMIA MANOR

Miss Ethel Ellison spent part of this week in Chesapeake City.

Quite a number of our farmers have begun their spring work.

Mr. Harry Bolton, of Middletown, spent Sunday with his parents here.

The friends of Mr. G. O. Spear gave him a surprise party on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Lambert Boulden is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. James Vinyard, near Cecilton.

Mr. T. S. Irving, of Philadelphia, is spending Saturday and Sunday with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. James Paris spent part of last week with her sister, Mrs. Amos Wilson, in Warwick.

Mrs. T. C. Swing and daughters, Misses Mary and Jennie Swing, spent last week with Philadelphia friends.

Mrs. Estella Warren and daughter, Miss Lillian, of Elkton, were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bloomer, last week.

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WM. R. BRINCKLE, Vice-Pres. — JOHN S. ROSSELL Trust Officer

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.

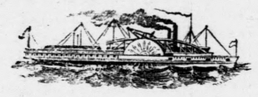
Wheat—No. 1	$1.03	Corn—	
No. 2	1.02	Yellow, shelled	50
Timothy Seed	$2.65	" cob	54
Clover Seed lb	10@	Oats	55

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz	16@20
Country Butter, per lb	25@30
Creamery Butter, per lb	34
Lard, per lb	8@11
Live Chickens, per lb	12@13
Potatoes, per basket	40@45

1904 TIME TABLE 1904
Spring Arrangement.



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Thursday, 3d, 11 am	Friday, 4th, 6½pm	
Monday, 7th, 12½pm	Tuesday, 8th, 11 am	
Thursday, 10th, 3 pm	Friday, 11th, 12½pm	
Monday, 14th, 6 pm	Tuesday, 15th, 3½pm	
Thursday, 17th, 7½pm	Friday, 18th, 3½pm	
Monday, 21st, 11½am	Tuesday, 22d, 8 pm	
Thursday, 24th, 1 pm	Friday, 25th, 12½pm	
Monday, 28th, 5½pm	Tuesday, 29th, 3 pm	
Thursday, 31st, 7½pm		

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WILLIAM W. ROSE, Clerk.

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Stella drew her hand away sharply, her cheeks turning scarlet. But she spoke with a laugh.

I did not ask you to put my hand into the basket, cousin Tony. How silly you are! But do you really mean to stay to tea? I don't want to be inhospitable, but——

He rose stifly from his chair.

Oh, I will go! he said. You need not say in so many words that I bore you.

Stella's heart failed her as she looked at his angry face. She had got up that morning with a firm determination to make Anthony angry, but now that she had succeeded she could not bear it.

Don't be so foolish! she said, smiling at him, and Anthony's frown died away in an instant. I thought Molly was too tired for visitors perhaps. But she does not count you as a visitor.

I hope not, he said, seating himself again. But was that really all that you meant? You would like me to stay? Honor bright, now!

Honor bright! she answered gaily.

He bent towards her a little. She had begun to sew diligently, and her eyes were fixed on her work, but she knew that he was looking at her, and her heart began to beat very quickly. It made her angry with herself to feel its throbbing. Before he could speak, she flung her embroidery on the table with a petulant movement and got up.

Come and look at the flowers on the table, she said. James' idea of table decoration was two big epergnes stuffed with dahlias. He still thinks it superior to my fanciful 'Lunnon way.' But come and see.

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That evening, when she went to her room to dress for the dinner-party, she took her engagement-ring from its hiding-place and put it on her finger. She kept it there for a moment, gazing steadily at it. The expression in her eyes would have startled herself if she could have seen it. She had not yet dared to confess to her own soul that she had blindly engaged herself to her rich lover, not knowing what love was. She had half determined to wear the ring that evening, but her courage failed her. She drew it off and locked it away again. Then she went to her wardrobe and took out the dress which she had told Molly that she meant to wear. Molly had begged her to wear her white silk, but she had laughingly declared that the white silk was too fine for a dinner at home, and the black crepe, ugly as it was, was much more suitable.

She put the black crepe on the bed with her black shoes and black feather fan, and proceeded to do her hair afresh. She had never had a maid, and did not feel the want of one. She chose to do her hair that night in a slightly different fashion, coiled higher on her small head. It was very becoming, and she stood looking at herself with a queer little smile when she had finished. Then, suddenly turning to the bed, she caught up the black dress and carried it back to the wardrobe.

It was a radiant little figure in white silk, with arms and snowy neck bare, that was waiting in the hall when Molly came down-stairs. Anthony had never known her more gay than she was at dinner that evening. He sat by her side in a kind of happy dream, not speaking much, but content to listen to her merry talk and watch the changes of her bright expressive face.

It was impossible to him to realize that only a fortnight had gone since Stella came to the Grange. Stella meant life to him now; all his hopes, all his thoughts, were centered in her. It was bliss to him to sit by her; the sound of her voice was music in his ears; to meet her kind smiling glance thrilled him with ineffable delight. Never had a dinner seemed so short. It appeared to have lasted only for a few minutes when Miss Passingham gave the signal for the ladies to retire.

Miss Passingham had insisted on taking the head of the table that evening, though Molly had begged her to have her dinner in her own rooms and to come down to the drawing-room afterwards. But she had declared herself quite strong enough to perform all her duties as hostess. And she played her part with something of the proud dignity that had been characteristic of her in former days.

But her ghastly face cast a shadow on the feast from which only Anthony escaped. It was not merely that her illness had left her looking aged and painfully haggard; a lonely, unhappy, terrified soul seemed to look out of those deep-set eyes, still so brilliant. The Vicar said afterwards to his wife that it had made him shiver to meet her glance. He was sure that she was in some deep mental distress; he would give much to be able to help her.

It was felt as a relief by most of the party when she rose from the table. She walked down the room without help, but she tottered as she approached the door. Anthony had risen to open it, and he sprang to her side.

Yes—give me your arm, she said, with a wan smile. I am a helpless old woman, Anthony.

He crossed the hall with her. As he returned, after placing Miss Passingham carefully in her chair, Stella was speaking to old James by the door that led into the servants' quarters. He was eager for a word with her, and went towards her as James turned away. She had a piece of paper in her hand, which she crumpled up and flung on the hearth as she turned to him. Her face was deadly white, but her eyes glittered and a smile played on her lips.

Telegrams are horrid things, aren't they? she said. They always give you such a shock! But why are you not drinking your wine and talking politics? You always talk about politics and serious questions of that sort when we are gone, don't you?

He was looking at her, perplexed and distressed.

Stella, have you had bad news? he asked. You looked so white. Shall I call Miss Mary?

She laughed.

A telegram brings good news sometimes, cousin Tony. She rubbed her cheeks lightly to bring the color into them, still looking at him. I was startled for a moment, but it is quite good news. Some one—some one is coming home sooner than I had expected—that is all.

The light went out of his eyes; all the lines of his young face stiffened.

Some one! he echoed. Who? Forgive me, he added. I know that I have no right to ask.

Why should you not ask? she said. Her glance never faltered and she laughed a little as she spoke. Are we not cousins and old friends, cousin Tony? I ought to have told you and my sisters before. It was foolish of me. I am engaged to Mr. Creighton. He is coming to-morrow—that was his telegram—so you see I shall be obliged to confess now. Didn't you suspect when I talked of him?

He was struggling fiercely for his self-control. He loved her so dearly that he would not let her see how great a shock her words had been to him. Though she had made shipwreck of all his hopes, darkened the very sun in heaven for him, no word of his should reproach her. What she had done he knew that she had done thoughtlessly and unknowingly. She was not to blame because in a short week or two he had come to love the very ground she trod on.

Does Miss Mary know? he asked in a curiously gentle voice. You ought to tell her, Stella.

What was the pang that went through Stella's heart? Was it relief? Was it disappointment? She did not know. But she had somehow expected Anthony to take her news very differently. He had received it as calmly as the Vicar might have done.

I am going to tell her and Catharine to-morrow, she said humbly. It was silly of me not to tell them directly I came. But I wanted Molly to—to—— She seemed to think that I was a little girl still, and I didn't want to make her feel that I was quite grown-up. I knew it could be only for a little while, but——

Yes—I quite understand, he said in the same gentle voice. You did not want her to know how soon she was to lose you again. I must congratulate you, mustn't I? Isn't that the proper thing to do when you hear that a friend is engaged?

Despite himself, his eyes were betraying him. He could keep his voice calm; but as Stella met his glance, she suddenly began to tremble. She could not answer him, and before he could speak again the drawing-room door opened and Molly came hurrying out. She came towards them with a little cry of relief.

Oh, Anthony, are you there? Catharine is ill. It has been too much for her. Do send for the doctor! It is one of her bad attacks.

I will go myself! Anthony exclaimed. I shall be quicker than James. I will bring him back with me, Miss Mary.

It was a little relief to get away from the Grange, and to gallop along the quiet country road to the doctor's house, four miles away. But, gallop as he would, he could not escape from himself or from the jealous agony that burned in his veins like fire. The very road that he was following was full of memories of walks and talks with Stella; and there to the left, its white front shimmering through the trees, was Newlyn, where his rival would be on the morrow.

Fool—fool that he had been! Yet he would not have crushed out his love for Stella even if he had had the power to do so. Happy or unhappy, he would go on loving her to the end; and she should never guess what she had done. No touch of grief for him should mar the brightness of her lot. If only the man had been any other than Creighton! But perhaps she would never know that he had once been believed to be Miss Mary's suitor. Miss Mary would do her best to keep her from knowing. But let Creighton take care to play the faithful lover this time!

And Anthony's brow grew black as he glanced again at the house that was so soon to shelter Stella's lover.

CHAPTER V

All the guests, except Mrs. Deane and the Vicar, had departed when Anthony returned with the doctor. Miss Passingham had recovered sufficiently to be able to walk up to her room, Mrs. Deane told Anthony as they stood together in the hall after the doctor had gone up-stairs, but she still looked frightfully ill.

Poor Mary is greatly alarmed about her. I do not wonder at it. She looked in her swoon as if she was already dead. Her face was corpse-like.

Was it quite sudden? Anthony inquired, feeling bound to ask some question when Mrs. Deane paused.

He had his hat in his hand, and he was longing to get away from the house. He could not bear to see Stella again that night. But he knew what was expected of him as one who had been treated almost as a younger brother by Catharine and Molly, and he did his best to play his part.

Mrs. Deane had quick eyes, and she saw that he was distrait and unlike himself. She noticed too how continually his eyes wandered towards the gallery above them. The inference which she drew was a natural one, though exactly opposite to the truth. She thought that he was hoping for a word with Stella before he left, and she determined to help him.

It was terribly sudden. Mrs. Chilcot and I were talking to Molly at the other end of the room, and we saw her suddenly fall back in her chair. Mrs. Harvey, the wife of the new Vicar of Deepdene West, was talking to her, and she was very much frightened, poor little thing! I am sure I was. But you will like to know how she is now. Stella has been with her. I will go up and send her down to you.

Anthony begged her not to disturb Miss Stella.

I shall call early to-morrow, he said, with a brave pretence at composure. I must go now. And muttering some excuse about not keeping his horse standing, he hurried away.

Mrs. Deane was rather disappointed at his not seizing the opportunity which she had offered him. She was a born match-maker, and she had quite made up her mind that Stella and Anthony would suit each other exactly. She had watched them at dinner-time with motherly interest, being sure that they were too absorbed in each other to notice her. It was strange that Anthony should have hurried away so quickly. She felt quite angry with him.

She did not see Molly before she went away. Molly was unable to leave her sister even for a moment. The only thing that seemed to soothe Catharine in the feverish weakness that followed her long swoon was to have Molly close at her side, her hand clasped in hers. Both Stella and Catharine's maid were anxious to sit up, but Molly would not let them. And a look of something like content crept over Miss Passingham's haggard face when they had gone and she and Molly were alone.

The house had been still for a long time, and Molly had begun to hope that her patient was asleep, when she suddenly spoke, opening her dark eyes and fixing them on Molly's face.

Molly, I am dying!

Molly sank down on her knees by the bed.

Oh, no, no, Catharine! You must get well! Remember what the doctor said. He——

I don't mean that I am dying this moment, or to-morrow, answered Miss Passingham. And it gave Molly a sense of relief to hear her speak with her wonted impatience. Till yesterday I thought I was getting well. But I know now. Doctor Parkes knows it too. Another of these heart attacks and I shall go out like a candle. It is easy for him to tell me that I may live for years if—— She broke off, but spoke again before Molly could say a word. He does not know.

Molly stroked her check as if she had been a child.

Dear Catharine, you must try to keep quite. Try to sleep now. And we will have no more dinner-parties; the excitement is so bad for you. You shall have no more of it.

Miss Passingham gave a short sharp laugh.

Those people were no more to me than shadows, she said. It was your face only that I saw. Did you know that I was watching you? How sad your eyes were! Poor Molly! You were striving so hard to be gay.

I was anxious about you, dear, Molly faltered. But try to sleep now. Do not let us talk.

I must talk. I have something to tell you if I have strength for it. Molly—it is many years since I called you Molly, isn't it? It was father's name for you, and it hurt my lips to say it. Molly, did you ever guess how I hated you? It began when father used to pet you as a little child and never gave a kind word to me. And when you grew up I hated you still. I grudged——

Dear Catharine, you love me now—you understand me now. That is enough.

Catharine's hand tightened on hers.

I have been punished for my wickedness, she said hoarsely. When you know what I did you will turn from me in loathing. But I must tell you. I had made myself believe that you did not care much. But I know now that I was wrong.

She stopped, but when Molly began to speak she made her a gesture to be silent. Then she raised herself on her elbow, breathing quickly, and her words came hurriedly.

Molly, you remember that night when Alan Creighton drove us home from Deepdene West, and the horse fell? All I told you afterwards was a lie. You never spoke a word while we were trying to bring you round from your faint. You never betrayed your love for him. It was not pity which made him write and propose to you the next day. He loved you with all his heart. He came to see you when he got your letter. I told you he came. But it was not to say good-bye to me. It was to see you. I told him that you would not see him. Don't speak—let me finish!

But she stopped for a moment, struggling for her voice. It sank to a whisper as she went on.

It was easy to make you believe what I wanted. You were always humble. If you had met—— But he went away that day. It was all made easy for me. Afterwards, when his uncle was dead and the money had come to him, he wrote again to you. Molly, don't look at me. I kept the letter back. He had an answer. I wrote it. He believed that it came from you.

There was a moment of dead silence in the room. On the little table by the bed stood a small desk within reach of Miss Catharine's hand. For days it had stood there ready to be opened. She dragged it towards her, drew out a letter, and thrust it into Molly's hand.

It is yours, she said. You can answer it now. He is coming here. Mrs. Harvey told me so to-night. But I meant to tell you before. I have tried to tell you, but I could not.

Molly's soft hand closed tightly on the letter, claiming it for her own, but she did not look at it. She laid her head on the pillow, with her cheek close to her sister's.

Poor Catharine! she said. But you must not be unhappy any more.

The hard unhappy woman broke down in a passion of tears.

Can you forgive me, Molly? she moaned. Try to forgive me, and it will be all right now. He is coming here. He shall know what I did.

Molly's cheeks grew scarlet. But her first thought was to comfort Catharine.

You must not be unhappy any more, she repeated. You know that I forgive you. Let us never speak of it again, dear Catharine. You have learnt to love me now. All that miserable time is over. And you must not—you must not—— He may have changed. It is four years ago.

Would he come here if he had changed. When Mrs. Harvey told me to-night, it seemed like an answer to my prayers. For I have prayed for courage to tell you, Molly, and to tell Alan Creighton. And now it will all come right. You will be happy again.

When Stella stole into the room early in the morning, she found Catharine sleeping as quietly and peacefully as a child. Molly had not slept. She sat by the window in the morning sunshine, and Stella wondered at the change in her. The night of watching seemed to have restored her youthful bloom. Her cheeks had a soft flush on them, her eyes were dewy bright.

Catharine is much better. I have only to look at you to see that, Molly dear. How bright you look! And I thought to find you worn out! But go and rest now. I will be nurse until Jane comes.

And Stella drew her gently out of the room. Molly did not resist; she wanted to get away by herself, to be alone somewhere out of doors with the sunshine and the flowers. She kissed Stella tenderly, and, giving her some directions about medicine, she left her charge. But she did not go to her room to lie down, as Stella expected her to do. She got a hat and a light wrap and went out-of-doors. It was a lovely July morning, and all the earth was astir with the mysterious noises of that early hour. Yet on all around there seemed to lie an air of calmness and peace, through which the carolling of the larks in the blue heavens and the buzzing of the infinitesimal life in the gorse rang like notes of joy.

Molly wandered on, hardly knowing where her feet were taking her, till she came out of the woods to the moorland that crowned the hill above the house. She followed the narrow track between the heath and gorse to the ridge of the hill, and then stopped. Down below her, winding round the base of the hill, was the road from Deepdene West. There by the bridge was the place where the horse had fallen so long ago, bringing the dog cart down with it. She had been thrown out and had lain for a time insensible. She could dimly remember Alan carrying her across the heath to the lodge, and then all was a blank again till she found herself at home in her own room.

Then next day Alan's letter had been brought to her. She remembered the first overwhelming shock of joy, for she had never dreamed that he loved her. And then Catharine had come in and had told her—oh, the shame of it!—that Alan could have done no less than propose to her after the night before, when she had betrayed her mad love for him so fully. And, smarting with bitter humiliation, she had written to refuse him, and had heard no more. He had called the next day to say good-bye, she had seen him leave the house from the window of her room, and then had come silence.

Molly wondered how she had lived through those years. Looking back on them, it was strange to her how her feet had found strength to tread the flinty ways. Whatever happened now, even if Alan had forgotten her, life could never be so hard again. He had loved her once. She had his last letter safely hidden close to her heart. If his first letter had been like that, she would not have believed that it had been pity alone which had made him write. Love, passionate love, spoke in every imploring sentence. She had found it harder to forgive Catharine since reading that dear letter.

She turned back down the hill and entered the woods again. The church clock struck eight, and she quickened her steps. She was nearing the house, when she came suddenly on Anthony, who had emerged from a narrow path just ahead of her, and was standing as if undecided which way to go. He turned with a start as she spoke to him.

I did not expect to see you out so early, Miss Mary. How is Miss Passingham? he said hastily.

Much better, I hope. Come back to breakfast with me, Anthony. You will be company for Stella.

He looked miserably undecided.

I will come in later, I think. I—I was thinking of calling to ask how Miss Passingham was, but——

Anthony, you are ill yourself! Molly exclaimed, breaking into the middle of his sentence. My dear boy, you ought to be in your bed. I shall have to come and nurse you next. What is the matter? You look thoroughly done up. You have one of your bad headaches. I am sure.

Yes—it was the heat yesterday, he said, avoiding her anxious glance. I will go home now and lie down. I am glad that Miss Passingham is so much better.

He lifted his cap and turned as if to go, but Molly laid her hand on his arm.

Anthony, you have always confided to me. Won't you confide in me now? I can see that something is wrong. Tell me.

She saw his lip quiver.

Am I such a bad actor? he said sadly. I wanted no one to know what a fool I have been.

She was gazing anxiously at him.

Antnony, did you and Stella quarrel last night? Don't be foolish, and let——

He interrupted her.

Then she has not told you? No—I see that she has not. But she will this morning. Don't think that I blame her. I shall never do that.

Do you mean that she has refused you? Molly's tone was sharply incredulous.

She is engaged already to Mr. Creighton. She told me so last night. That is why he is coming here. But she will tell you herself this morning.

Anthony looked steadily away from Molly as he blurted out these hasty sentences, and he did not see the piteous change that came over her face. She reeled a little as if she had received an actual blow, but courage was one of the strongest factors in her nature, and she rallied almost instantly.

No—she has not told me yet, Anthony, she said in quiet tones. Do you mean that she has been engaged to him for some time?

It was settled just before she came home, I think, he answered. He gave her a quick look, trying to force a smile. It is not going to make any difference in our friendship, Miss Mary. We are to be friends and cousins still. I don't mean her to guess what you have guessed this morning. I shall come in as usual this morning, if I may. But I will not come to breakfast. I will go home now.

He turned quickly away and plunged into the woods. In spite of his own misery, his glance at Molly's face had shown him that the news of Stella's engagement had been a dreadful shock to her. He felt instinctively that she wished to be alone.

Molly stood still where he had left her for some minutes, so still that birds settled on the branches over her head and a rabbit ran across the path close to her feet. Then a low sob escaped her. She covered her face with her hands, shutting out the light and glory of the morning. She was praying that she might not hate Stella, her darling sister—her little girl.

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PASS.	PASS.	EXP.	MAIL	PASS.	MAIL	EXP.			EX	MAIL.	EXP.	MAIL	PASS	EXP	I A
83	85	89	91	23	93	97			82	86	90	92	84	94	96
A.M.	A.M	A.M.	P M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.			A M	A M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P M.	P.M.
‖ 5.50	‖ 7.40	‖ 10.16	‖ 3 00	‖ 4 01	5 59	11.05		Philadelphia	5.10	9.32	10.52	12 10	3.40	5.44	7.42
‖ ..	‖ 5.00	‖ 8.10	‖ 12.45	‖ 12.45	4.10	6.50		Washington	7.20	11.27	1.15	1.30	6.10	8.15	9.44
‖ 4.10	6.35	8.13	1 46	1.4	5 07	7.53		Baltimore	6 14	‖ 10.31	‖ 11.23	‖ 12.25	‖ 5.00	‖ 6 55	‖ 8.40
‖ 7.28	‖ 8.28	‖ 10 58	‖ 3 44	‖ 4 47	6.52	11.50		Wilmington	4 15	8 42	10 05	11.13	2.46	‖ 5.00	6.49
f 7.38	h 8.38	. . .	. .	f 4 57	7.02	. .		Farnhurst	. .	f 8.32	p 9.55	f 11.03	f 2.36	. . .	f 6.39
f 7.43	8 43	. . .	3 58	5.02	7.07	. .		New Castle	. .	8.27	9.51	10 :9	2.32	. . .	6.34
f 7.48	h 8.47	. . .	. .	f 5.07	f 7.11	. .		State Road	. .	f 8.21	. . .	f 10 54	f 2.27	. . .	f 6.29
f 7.53	f 8.52	. . .	. .	f 5.12	7.16	. .		Bear	. .	f 8.16	. . .	f 10 49	f 2.22	. . .	f 6.24
7.58	h 8.58	‖ 11.21	m4 13	f 5.17	7.21	. .		Porter	. .	m8.11	n 9.39	n 10.44	f 2.17	n 4.35	m6.19
8.03	9 02	f 11.24	. .	f 5.22	7.25	. .		Kirkwood	. .	8.06	. . .	10 39	2.12	. . .	6.14
f 8.06	f 9.05	. . .	. .	f 5.26	. .	. .		Canal	. .	8.01	. . .	. .	f 2.07	. . .	f 6.10
8.11	9.10	. . .	. .	f 5.31	f 7.33	. .		Mt. Pleasant	. .	7.56	. . .	10 31	2.03	. . .	6.06
f 8.15	h 9 13	. . .	. .	5.35	f 7.37	. .		Armstrong	. .	f 7.52	. . .	. .	f 1.59	. . .	f 6.02
8.21	9.19	11.38	4 33	5.41	7.43	12.36		Middletown	3.29	7.48	9 22	10.24	1.55	4 17	5.58
831	u 9 27	. . .	u 4.43	f 5.50	7.51	. .		Townsend	. .	7.39	u 9.13	10 16	1.46	u 4 08	5.49
f 8.36	h 9.31	. . .	. .	f 5.55	7.55	. .		Blackbird	. .	7.34	. . .	f 10.11	f 1.41	. . .	f 5.44
f 8.40	h 9 35	. . .	. .	6.00	f 7 59	. .		Gr'n Spring	. .	7 29	. . .	. .	f 1.36	. . .	f 5.39
8.46	x 9 40	11 55	x 4 56	6 05	8.05	12 55		Clayton	3.08	7.25	x 9 00	10.03	1.32	x 3.51	5.35
8.36	9.30	11.45	4 46	5.55	7.55	. .		Smyrna *Ly.*	. .	7.15	8.36	9 52	. .	3.45	5.20
f 8.53	h 9.45	. . .	. .	6.10	f 8.10	. .		Brenford	. .	f 7.19	. . .	f 9.57	1.28	. . .	f 5.24
f 8.58	f 9.50	. . .	. .	f 6.15	f 8.15	. .		Cheswold	. .	f 7.14	. . .	f 9.52	f 1.21	. . .	f 5.24
f 9.01	. . .	. . .	. .	6.18	. . .	. .		Dupont	. .	7.09	. . .	. .	f 1.18	. . .	. .
9.07	9 59	12.10	5 14	6.26	8.24	1.14		Dover	2.50	f 7.03	8.42	9.40	1.18	3 38	5.15
9.13	10.05	f 12.16	5 21	6.31	8.30	1.22		Wyoming	2.43	6 57	8 36	9 33	1 06	3.32	5.01
f 9.19	h 10 12	. . .	f 5 28	. . .	f 8.36	. . .		Woodside	. .	. . .	f 8 29	f 9.26	f 2.58	. . .	f 4.57
f 9.23	h 10.16	. . .	f 5 32	. . .	f 8.40	. . .		Viola	. .	. . .	f 8.25	f 9.22	f 2.55	. . .	f 4.53
9.28	10 21	12.27	5 37	. . .	8.45	1.36		Felton	2.28	. . .	8.21	9 18	12 51	3 20	4 49
9.41	1 10 32	12.39	5 51	. . .	5.55	1.46		Harrington	2.18	. . .	v 8.12	1 9.08	12.42	3.11	o 4 40
. . .	‖ 10.36	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .		Ha'rg'n Ar	. . .	. . .	. . .	8.54	. . .	. . .	. . .
. . .	11.26	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .		Georgetown	. . .	. . .	. . .	8 06	. . .	. . .	. . .
. . .	12.25	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .		Berlin	. . .	. . .	. . .	6.56	. . .	. . .	. . .
								Ocean City							
. . .	12.40	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .		B.C. & A. Ry)	. . .	. . .	. . .	‖ 6 20	. . .	. . .	. . .
f 9.49	f 10.40	. . .	f 5.58	. . .	f 9.02	. . .		Farmington	. . .	. . .	f 8.00	f 8.53	f 12.32	. . .	f 4 25
9.57	10.48	12 53	6 04	. . .	9 10	. . .		Greenwood	. . .	. . .	7.53	8.45	12 25	2.53	4.18
10.05	10 56	1.01	6 14	. . .	9.18	2.08		Bridgeville	1 46	. . .	7.45	8.37	12.17	2 47	4.10
f 10 10	h 11 01	. . .	f 6 19	. . .	d 9.23	. . .		Cannons	. . .	. . .	f 7.39	f 8.31	f 12.12	. . .	f 4.04
10.20	t 11 09	1.12	t 6 27	. . .	9 32	2.20		Seaford	1.33	. . .	7.31	‖ 8 24	12.05	3 25	t 3.56
10.30	11.18	1.22	6.37	. . .	9 42	2.32		Laurel	1.20	. . .	7.20	8.11	11.55	2.25	3.41
10.40	g 11.28	g 1.31	w 6.47	. . .	9 52	g 2.42		Delmar	1.08	. . .	‖ 7.10	g 8 01	‖ 11 46	g 2 15	‖ g 3.30
. . .	11.46	1.49	7.05	. . .	. . .	3.00		Salisbury	1235	. . .	. . .	‖ 7.35	. . .	1.49	3.10
		4.35	. . .	. . .	. . .	5.33		C. Charles	9.25	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	10.55	. . .
		6.35	. . .	. . .	. . .	7.35		Old Point	7.20	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	8.40	. . .
		8 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	8.45		Norfolk	6.15	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	‖ 7.45	. . .
. M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P M.	P.M.	A.M.			A M	A M.	A.M.	P. M.	A.M.	A. M.	P.M.

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"c" Regular stop to receive passengers.
"f" Stops only on notice to conductor or agent or on signal.
"g" Connects at Delmar with New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Ry.
"h" Stops to let off passengers from points north of Wilmington and from points on Maryland Division via Porter.
"i" Connects at Harrington for and from stations on Del., Md., & Va. R. R.
"j" Stops to take on passengers for Cape Charles and beyond.
"k" Stops to leave passengers from Wilmington and points north, or take passengers for points south of Delmar.
"l" Connects at Townsend for and from stations on Baltimore & Delaware Bay Ry.
"m" Connects at Porter for Delaware City.
"n" Connects at Porter with Newark & Delaware City Railroad.
"o" Connects at Harrington for stations on D M & V R R
"p" Stops to leave passengers from Middletown and points south.
"r" Stops to leave passengers from New York Division.
"t" Connects at Seaford for and from all stations on Cambridge & Seaford R R
"u" Connects at Townsend for and from all stations on the Queen Anne & Kent Railroad.
"v" Connects at Harrington from stations between Lewes and Harrington.
"x" Connects at Clayton for and from all stations on Delaware & Chesapeake Ry.
"w" Connects at Delmer with New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Railroad to and from all points between Delmar and Pocomoke.

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Leave Franklin City for Chincoteague (via steamer) 1.30 and 8.50 p.m. week days Returning leave Chincoteague 10.45 a. m., and 5.30 p. m., week-days.
Leave Harrington for Georgetown and Lewes 10.36 a. m., 5.55 p. m., week days Returning, leave Lewes 6.45 a m and 1.36 p m week-days
Leave Harrington for Rehoboth 10.36 a m Returning, leave Rehoboth 1 13 p m, Tuesday Thursday and Saturdays
Leave Harrington for Berlin, 10.36 a. m. and 5.55 p. m. week days. Returning, leave Berlin 6.56 a m and 12.56 p. m. week days.
Leave Massey for Chestertown and way stations 9.59 a. m. and 5.16 p. m. week-days Returning, leave Chestertown 7.18 a. m. and 2.35 p. m, week-days.
QUEEN ANNE & KENT R. R.—Leave Townsend for Centreville and way stations 9.30 a. m., and 4.47 p. m., week days Returning, leave Centreville 7.46 a. m., and 2.38 p. m., week-days.
DELAWARE & CHESAPEAKE R. R.—Leave Clayton for Oxford and way stations 9.47 a. m., and 5.05 p. m., week-days. Returning, leave Oxford 6.47 a. m., and 1 48 p. m., week-days.
CAMBRIDGE & SEAFORD R. R.—Leave Seaford for Cambridge and intermediate stations 11.18 a. m. and 6.31 p. m. week-days. Returning, leave Cambridge 7.00 a.m. and 2.32 p. m. week-days.
CONNECTION.—At Porter, with Newark and Delaware City Railroad. At Townsend, with Queen Anne's & Kent Railroad. At Massey, for stations on Baltimore & Delaware Bay Railroad. At Clayton, with Delaware & Chesapeake Railroad. At Harrington, with Delaware, Maryland & Virginia Railroad. At Seaford, with Cambridge & Seaford Railroad. At Delmar, with New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk.
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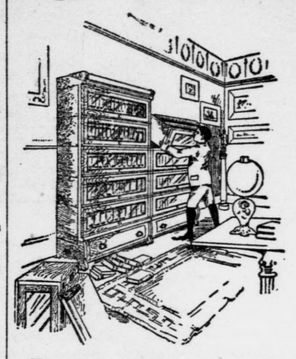

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